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In re

Patent Application of

Roberto C. Beretta, et al.

Application No. 10/607,580

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“METHODS AND DEVICES FOR
SEPARATING LIQUID COMPONENTS”

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant claims small entity status.

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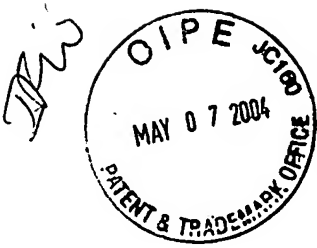
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows prior to examination of the application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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